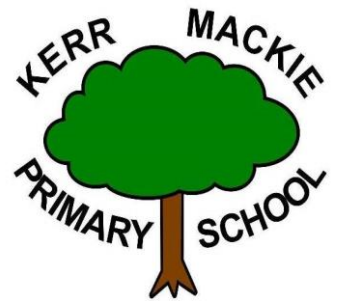


KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

15th January 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a 'Happy New Year' and all the best for 2016.

I was lucky enough to spend New Year's Eve on a river boat on the Thames, in London and so at midnight I had a fabulous view of the fireworks and the London Eye. There was a great atmosphere from the crowds on the river bank and over the bridges.

The new year has got off to a great start at school. This week, we have had a crashed space ship in the school grounds and alien footprints around school! Year one children are on the lookout for the aliens and have put wanted posters up around school. Year five are closely following Tim Peake the astronaut in space, there is great excitement today as he is doing his first spacewalk. Year two children have been really busy at home making their robots, there are some incredible models on display in their classrooms.

We will be putting photographs up on our web-site so please have a look. You can also follow us on Twitter.

Finally I would like to thank the parents who organized the Festive Fun event at the end of last term. It was a real success. Please see below for more information.

Mrs Ronicle,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary are below;

January

Monday 18th January 2016 – After school clubs start

February

School closes Friday 12th February 2016 – Half term
School Opens Monday 22nd February 2016

March

Thursday 3rd March 2016 - World Book Day
Friday 18th March 2016 – Sports Relief
Tuesday 22nd March 2016 – Easter Egg competition
School closed Friday 25th March 2016 – Good Friday
School closed Monday 28th March 2016 – Easter Monday
School opens Tuesday 29th March 2016

April

Friday 1st April 2016 – School closes
Friday 1st April 2016 – After school clubs finish
Monday 18th April 2016 – Training Day
Tuesday 19th April 2016 – School opens

NEWSLETTER

CURRICULUM

Year 1

On Wednesday 13th January, Year one were rushed out of their classrooms to see the strange wreckage in our playground! They quickly realised it was an alien spaceship that had crashed from outer space! They were able to use their detective skills and discovered that the spaceship had come from Mars! The next day the children came in from the playground to find giant, red, dusty footprints all over the school. They decided it was the alien and created wanted posters. So if you see a friendly, red alien with three large googly eyes and a spiky, orange tail please let us know!

Year 2

On Thursday afternoon, Year 2 enjoyed two fabulous performances by students from Roundhay High School drama department. The children enjoyed a performance of Alice in Wonderland, followed by Hansel and Gretel. We were so impressed by the high standard of performance given by the pupils and Year 2 were bewitched by the shows. Thank you to Roundhay High School Drama Department!

Year 3

To get our 'A Taste of Italy' project started: on Friday the 8th January, just after lunch, there was a knock on the classroom door, someone came in and shouted "Surprise! Pizza delivery!" We didn't believe it was real. The class teachers opened the box. Everyone was shocked to see it was real pizza! We all washed our hands and we each had a slice. It was amazingly delicious! It was one of the best days ever!

By Aniel Potiwal (Alder) and Minha Miah (Rowan)

INFORMATION

FESTIVE CAKES AND GAMES STALLS

Thank you to everyone for all you help and support. A massive £567.17 was raised on the day. It was a great success.

DRA YOUR DREAM HOME COMPETITION

The estate agents Manning Stainton, has written to us to thank the children who entered the 'Draw your Dream Home' competition. They were very impressed with the drawings, but unfortunately Kerr Mackie did not have a winner. As a thank you, Manning Stainton has given £50 to each school that entered the competition.

[Well done to all the children who entered the competition.](#)

NURSEY PLACES

If you have a child who will soon be 3 years old, or you know a local family with young children, call in at the office to ask about Nursery places. We have a one place available in the morning and a few places available in the afternoon for January or Easter start dates.

PUPIL ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please can you ensure you contact the school office on 0113 3368499 **BEFORE 9am** and leave a message on the attendance line. The message must include your child's name, class and reason for absence. Failure to provide a valid reason for your child's absence on the first day may result in us having to escalate the matter.

PAYING BY CHEQUE

Please can we remind parents that cheques for school trips should be made payable to Kerr Mackie Primary School. Everything else, i.e. milk, dinners, after school clubs should be payable to Leeds City Council.

LOST PROPERTY

If you think you might have misplaced something, then please remember to check to the lost property box in the Parents room.

LUNCH TIME MENU

In addition to the normal menu, there is a special menu on Thursday 21st January. There has also been a change to the menu on Friday - week 1. Caribbean fish has been changed to fish fingers. The reason for this is because the Caribbean Fish was not very successful. Details can be found on the web-site, or you can ask for a copy at the school's Reception Office.